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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/834,040
Filing Date	April 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	DeWitt C. Seward IV
Confirmation Number	1765
Group Art Unit	2133
Examiner Name	James C. Kerveros
Attorney Docket Number	301493.1001-001

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on [].
- iii. ☐ Other - [].
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other - [].

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1) required)
- b. ☐ Other - [].

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.14 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$494.00
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- ☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1935. document is enclosed for accounting purposes
- b. i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Amendment Fee
- iv. ☐ Other - [].
- c. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1935

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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